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For : IMPROVED RECOVERY OF LINEAR NUCLEIC ACIDS By
SALT DILUTION AND/OR REDUCED PRESSURE PRIOR TO
CONTINUOUS PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL
ULTRAFILTRATION

Examiner : Menon, Krinshnan S.

Art Unit : 1723

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Docket No. : MCA-538

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Entry of the accompanying amendment to the claims as shown on the attached Version with
Markings to Show Changes Made and Replacement Sheets is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 13 and 14 are amended.

REMARKS

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002.

The Examiner rejects claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject
matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one
skilled in the art that the inventors has possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner states that
the language regarding the ultrafiltration membrane having a predetermined molecular weight limit
and that the nucleic acids have a molecular weight below that predetermined limit has no support in